

Dorset waterfront plan complete

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A waterfront plan and downtown study for the hamlet of Dorset is complete.

The planner for Lake of Bays township presented Algonquin Highlands councillors with the study during their Aug. 11 meeting.

Dorset sits on the dividing line of Haliburton County and the District of Muskoka. Half of the community is located in Muskoka's Lake of Bays and half in Haliburton County's Algonquin Highlands township.

"The consultant really looked at the community as a whole," Stefan Szczerbak told council.

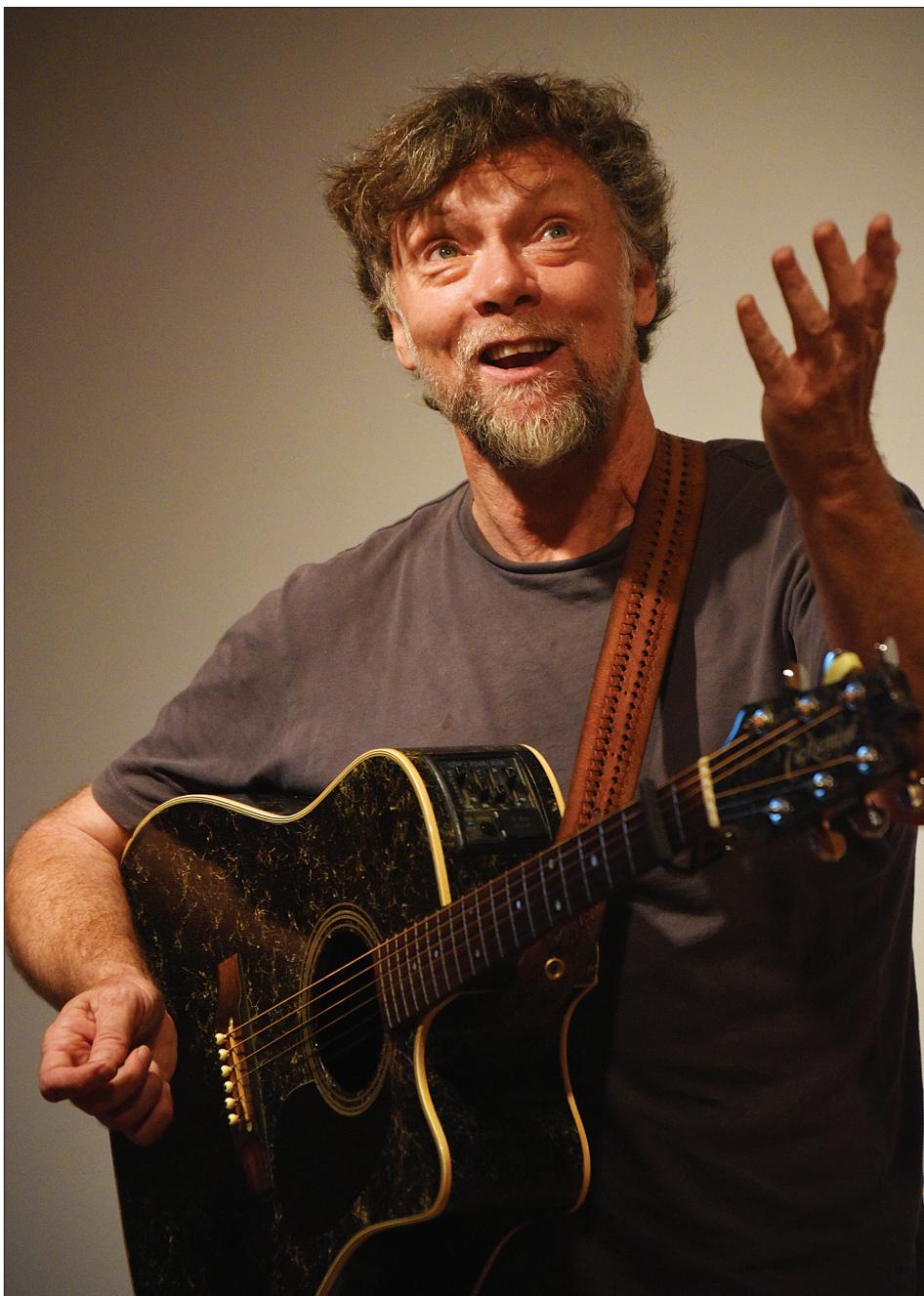
The study was performed by firms urbanMetrics Inc. and Dillon Consulting for the Township of Lake of Bays, the Dorset Community Partnership and The Lake of Bays Marine Museum and Navigation Society, which owns the S.S. Bigwin. It was funded through FedNor, which provides federal money for projects in Northern Ontario.

"It was a short time period," Szczerbak said. "It was a short period because of our funding arrangement through FedNor."

The creation of the plan included public consultations held in February and March.

"There's a lot of private assets involved here," Szczerbak said, explaining the plan includes recommendations and potential uses

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Songs around the campfire

David Archibald performs during the afternoon show at the Campfire Concert Series on Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. This event included an evening performance and the Three Musketeers youth musical group of Emelene Rosen, 14, and Hendrika Sonnenberg, 13, both on violin, and brother Ben, 10, on the cello, who performed with and without Archibald. Proceeds went to supporting the Minden Hills Cultural Centre programming.

DARREN LUM Staff

AH will require EMS base, reeve says

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Algonquin Highlands township will require an EMS base within its borders before long, says Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt.

Moffatt broached the subject of an EMS base for the township during a county finance and correspondence committee meeting on Aug. 10.

Algonquin Highlands is the only one of the county's four lower-tier townships without an EMS base. County EMS bases are located in Minden Hills along Highway 35 in Minden, in Dysart et al near the arena in Haliburton Village and in Highlands East along County Road 503 in Tory Hill.

A recent call volumes report for the first six months of 2016 showed that Algonquin Highlands is the only county township where paramedics are not meeting response target times in any category.

The average response time to calls in Algonquin Highlands is 17 minutes and 34 seconds.

Overall for the county, 40 per cent of the time, paramedics are getting to patients within eight minutes.

EMS director and paramedic chief Craig Jones has said the only way to fundamentally change the trend in Algonquin Highlands is to have 24/7 coverage in the township.

"Algonquin Highlands is certainly falling behind," Moffatt said during last week's meeting. "Where we're going is a base in Algonquin Highlands somewhere . . . probably north of Carnarvon. There is public con-

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Keep Algonquin Highlands in the loop, Moffatt asks

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for privately owned properties and will require private-public partnerships. "It's conceptual in nature. It's not intended to put any burden on our council, on your council, as well."

Opportunities identified in the study include adding permanent or floating docks to increase dock capacity; adding a roof to the skating rink for multipurpose use; the construction of a boathouse for S.S. Bigwin; new commercial uses; activities that would increase the use of the park and pavilion; adding parking and public washrooms; and offering incentives and/or relaxing zoning requirements to allow for manoeuvres such as the severance and sale of the former Clayton property.

Szczerbak conceded some of the recommendations in the study were "a little off the wall."

"I think it was a great project," said Reeve Carol Moffatt.

"There's a ton of opportunity here."

Moffatt asked that if there is a plan to act on any of the recommendations from the study that Algonquin Highlands council know about it from the onset, so it has time to apply for funding through streams such as the Haliburton County Development Corporation. There has been a history of projects being planned by Lake of Bays council or Dorset community groups without Algonquin Highlands being informed.

"We would ask that if there are discussions . . . make sure we know right away, because if we're better informed at the front end, then that gives us the time," Moffatt said. "We have to work on these things together, as we've said in the past. We can't work together if we don't know about them."

AH only township in Haliburton County without an EMS base

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cern. I would be looking for the county's consideration of how we start a base in Algonquin Highlands."

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin thought that conversation should come as part of the county's 2017 budget deliberations. Councillors agreed there should be an analysis of gaps in EMS coverage in the county in general, with far-flung areas such as Kennisis and Redstone lakes in Dysart et al also

difficult to service.

Devolin noted the county has contributed funds to housing projects in Minden Hills and Dysart et al and that equity should be taken into consideration.

Moffatt suggested the county should also be looking at building up a capital reserve for EMS projects.

Mini-bikes take Stanhope hill

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Dubbed as one of a few if not only mini-bike events in Canada, the KOTH (King of the Hill) 2016 trials competition and mini-bike hill climb was hosted on Aug. 6 in the backyard of Algonquin Highlands resident Allan Robertson.

The self-professed motorcycle fanatic and operator of Al's Garage hosted a small group of passionate motorcyclists and their supporters at the annual event at his home on Highway 35 for camaraderie and friendly competition.

The event featured trials competition, which involved riders on mainly vintage motorcycles built for navigating a course of natural obstacles with logs, rocks and ditches, working towards putting a foot down the least, ideally riding for a "clean" run with no "dabs." It also included the mini-bike competition, which tested the riders' skills to ascend a three-stepped hill, rising close to 200 feet in elevation on motorcycles that resemble children's motorbikes in the fastest time.

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A mini-bike competitor waits for his turn as another comes down after completing his run during the KOTH (King Of The Hill) 2016 trials competition and mini-bike hill climb on Aug. 6 in the backyard of Algonquin Highlands resident Allan Robertson. Formerly the Haliburton Trials, this second year event featured a dirt bike show and shine, an Elvis impersonator and barbecue.

/Photo submitted by Allan Robertson and taken by Angel Ottema.

Security upgrade for county EMS bases

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County will be updating the locking system at its three EMS bases.

Councillors on the municipality's EMS advisory committee received a report from EMS director and paramedic chief Craig Jones during an Aug. 10 meeting.

"The current mechanical door access code has been the same since the county assumed responsibility for ambulance service in the year 2000," a report from Jones reads.

"These mechanical systems are prone to failure and unable to be changed without contacting a locksmith. Recently one of the systems failed and the contractor had difficulty obtaining parts due to the age of the mechanism. Another significant concern is that it is not practical to change the code when staff leave the employ of the county, given the level of

turnover of staff and the amount of administrative effort (and cost) of making and communicating the change.

"Given that any individual with knowledge of the code could access our facilities, staff, vehicles and drugs, etc., it poses a security concern. It is a recommended health and safety best practice that each time an employee leaves the employment of the county, access codes should be changed immediately."

Jones's recommendation was to upgrade the system to accommodate electronic key FOBs that county paramedics already use to check into work.

"The system is managed by a web-based access control system software," Jones's report continues.

"This software would allow us to manage the doors and key FOBs remotely in real time from anywhere with an Internet connection. The system provides multiple reports on system access. A benefit of the software is that it is scalable. This

would allow for the possibility of future additional county-owned buildings to be controlled by the software for no additional cost."

The price tag for upgrading the entranceways at the Minden, Haliburton and Tory Hills EMS is estimated at about \$9,000.

Jones told councillors an additional benefit would be the ability to track who is coming and going from the building in real time, another security precaution.

"It definitely makes for a more accountable system," he said.

"It's shocking that we don't have any security," said Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge.

"They are locked. I want to emphasize that," Jones said.

The committee supported the recommendation. Motions from the county's advisory committees are taken to county council for final approval, where they typically pass.

New home at Abbey Gardens for garlic festival this year

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The annual Haliburton County Garlic Festival has a new home – Abbey Gardens in West Guilford.

"We're ecstatic, as is Abbey Gardens, to have a partnership between the garlic growers association and Abbey Gardens," says Ron Reid of the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association.

The association's ninth annual garlic festival will take place Sunday, Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Because we're at Abbey Gardens, the festival can have other components to it," Reid says. "They have the staff, they have the property."

There will be children's educational workshops and gardening demonstrations in the gardens, including by the Haliburton County Master Gardeners.

There will be a garlic-braiding workshop, as well as cooking demonstrations. Into The Blue Bakery will do a demo on wood-fired pizza and Marilynne Lesperance of the Minden Food Hub will conduct a class on cooking with garlic.

There will be entertainment and vendors selling garlic, baked good, preserves, maple syrup, native plants and arti-

sans' wares.

"Ninety per cent of them are vendors from the county," Reid says.

The Stanhope Firefighters Association will also host a fundraiser barbecue on site.

There are accessible washrooms and parking and admission are both free.

Abbey Gardens is located at 1012 Garden Gate Dr. off of Highway 118 just outside West Guilford, 12 kilometres east of Carnarvon and 12 kilometres west of Haliburton Village.

For more information, contact Sheila Robb at 705-489-4201.

'I just love bikes and people who get involved in bikes'

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Robertson handed out awards (sliced log discs with burned in letters K-O-T-H and 2016) he made to the top three finishers. The event also included a unique showcase of vintage dirt bikes in the "show and shine," an Elvis impersonator, a barbecue and celebrity rider Ted Wilkins, a former AMA Hill Climbing Champion, who finished second. Wilkins is from Kinmount and has been retired from racing since 2000.

Back in 1969 Robertson's love affair with motorcycles started at nine years old when his parents bought him a 3.5 horsepower Woods mini-bike from the Eaton's catalogue. Three years later he built his first motorbike and he never stopped. Among his collection includes custom mini-bikes and a 1977 CB125 with the unique ability to drive in reverse because of its repurposed ATV engine. It's a definite head turner and conversation starter wherever he takes it.

It's this deep rooted affection that led him to start and organize his own event for others like him, who have a penchant for unique bikes, particularly vintage and customized mini-bikes.

"I just love bikes and people who get involved in bikes, especially vintage motorcycles," he said.

Robertson, a retired high school tech teacher from Peel Region who moved here three years ago, said he started the event last year after he wondered where he could compete with his ridiculously powered mini-bikes. A friend said hold your own competition.

There were seven competitors in the event's first year and it more than doubled this year, its second. He's not certain about the future of it except he's enjoying the opportunity to give others with a passion for motorcycles a place to compete and gather.

Formerly the Haliburton Trials, the KOTH 2016 included 15 competitors and a lot of smiles.

"Where can you ride a bike and have a barbecue for \$10?" he said, referring to the registration cost.

Mark your calendar for next year if you want to compete in the KOTH, as part of the Southwestern Ontario Vintage Trials Group within the Canadian Vintage Motorcycle Group. See www.cvmg.ca for event listings.

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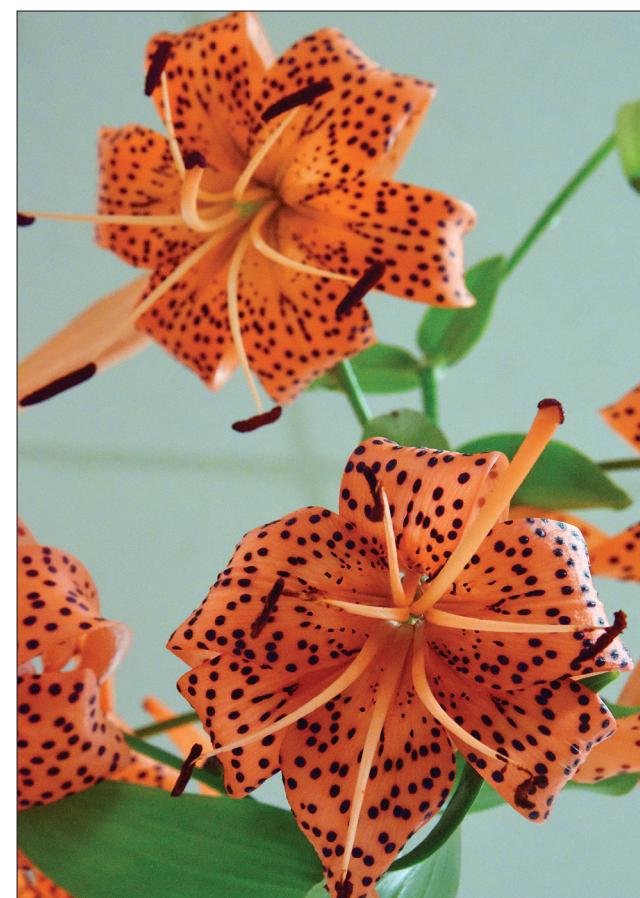


Minden's Barb Ballantyne won the best in show award at the Minden and District Horticultural Society's 37th annual Flower Show. This is the third time in five years the Minden resident, who said rain water and regular fertilization are keys for plant health, has won best in show.

Ballantyne best in flower show

Photos by Darren Lum

The Minden and District Horticultural Society's 37th annual Flower Show featured 315 entries by 32 exhibitors from Friday, Aug. 12 to 13 at the Minden Hills Community Centre. Led by event chairperson Margaret Giles, the annual event also included demonstrations and workshops by Sue Jackson of Pine Reflections, Karen Sloan of Wall Flower Studio and Joanne Nicholls of Country Rose. The best in show award went to Barb Ballantyne while the most overall points was awarded to Mary Jane Irwin, who is also the president of the society and had 25 entries.



Anica Sabel of Minden captured first in the flowers section with the best tiger lily.



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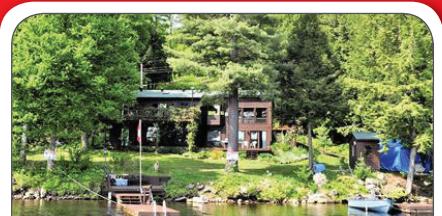
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Voting on voting

WE EXIST IN a political culture that has become quite cynical, so when a federal government talks about changing the electoral process, it's difficult to tell if that change is really about making voting more fair or about the governing party trying to keep its grip on power.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale is holding a second "constituency referendum," sending mail-out ballots to residents asking if they support a national referendum on electoral reform.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said the 2015 federal election would be the last to use the first-past-the-post system and a special committee is currently conducting consultations with Canadians, consultations some critics say amount to little more than a charade feigning democratic decision-making.

Many believe the Liberals are gunning for ranked ballot voting, where voters rank their candidate choices from most preferred to least preferred. In a ranked ballot system, if a candidate achieves a majority – more than 50 per cent of the vote – that candidate wins. If the leading candidate does not receive more than 50 per cent of the vote, then the least popular candidate is removed from the running and the second-choice votes from the ballots of people who chose that candidate are allotted to other candidates.

This process repeats until a candidate has more than 50 per cent of the vote.

Because the Liberals occupy the middle of the Canadian political spectrum, one could argue a ranked ballot system would be favourable for

the party.

In the same way, one could argue the first-past-the-post system – single-member plurality – is the one that works best for the Conservatives, keeping them in power for most of the past decade. It's also only ever allowed the Conservatives (and their predecessors) or the Liberals to form government in Canada.

It's the method preferred by many Conservatives, including Schmale, and if the party felt another system would suit it better, it could have used the Harper majority of the last Parliament to change the electoral process. Instead, it left the existing system intact, but did try to pass a series of voting rule changes through its Fair Elections Act that experts agreed would have been advantageous to the party.

The NDP and the Green Party are both advocates of proportional representation, a system wherein the makeup of the House of Commons would actually reflect the proportion of Canadians who vote for each party. Certainly, the argument that the first-past-the-post system is flawed because it allows a party that receives 39 per cent of the vote to form a majority government has merit.

However, proportional representation would also benefit both the NDP and Green Party, increasing their seat numbers in the House.

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Backpacking then and now

THIS WEEK, Jenn and I will be backpacking at the Bruce Peninsula National Park. I'm looking forward to this very much.

On any expedition like this, however, you need to ensure due diligence.

For example, it's prudent to load up packs and do a trial run. That's why this morning we loaded up our packs and hoisted them on our shoulders for a quick maiden voyage around the house. It wasn't long before Jenn declared we were carrying far too heavy a load for the nine-kilometre hike into our wilderness campsite.

She then said we had to reduce the weight of each pack. Of course, when you do this, it is a give and take type of negotiation and you quickly find out what is important to the other person.

For instance, I had a great idea for cutting the weight of one important item in half, but Jenn got upset when I started converting our two-ply to one-ply.

Luckily, she had a few ideas of her own. Her suggestions included sharing the same tube of toothpaste, leaving extra flashlight batteries behind, cutting down on our camp kitchen to one pot, repackaging the tent to get rid of extraneous components and not taking an extra fuel canister for the stove.

And I'll admit all these things made for a lighter backpack. And that is precisely what confused me. You see, it has been a long time since I placed a pack on my back but I seem to remember things differently.

When I was a kid, I believe the idea was to place as many things as humanly possible in your backpack. In fact, the mark of a good backpacker was that you wanted for nothing because you carried it all.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

My biggest regret is that we will not be taking a can of beans.

When I was a kid, beans were an integral part of camping – and not just because their aftermath served as an inexpensive substitute for bear-repellent either. On the down side, they were also the reason why we were not allowed to light candles in the tent.

There was so much more to them than that though. They kept you warm on cold nights and inspired many of us to try to sleep out under the stars on the warm ones. But, apparently a can of beans is far too heavy a burden to carry these days, which is a shame if you ask me.

On the plus side, I'll finally get to read by candlelight.

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Lessons from the birds

ONE HUNDRED AND TWO YEARS AGO - at 1 p.m. on Sept. 1 to be exact - someone walked past the Cincinnati Zoo bird cage and saw Martha on the cage floor, drumsticks up.

Martha died of old age at 29. She was the last living passenger pigeon, North America's most abundant bird species, once numbering three to five billion.

Early European settlers described flocks of passenger pigeons so large they blacked out the sun. When they roosted in trees for the night, branches often snapped under the weight of their numbers.

Martha's passing confirmed the species extinction and helped to bring about another important event two years later. On Aug. 16, 1916, 100 years ago this week, Canada and the United States signed the Migratory Bird Convention in which both countries agreed to uniform systems of protecting migratory birds.

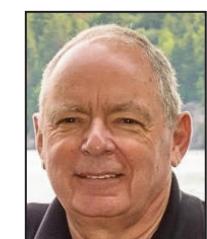
The agreement was aimed at stopping the "indiscriminate slaughter" of the billions of birds that made their remarkable journeys north in the spring, and south in the autumn.

Indeed, the slaughter had been indiscriminate. Ducks, geese, pigeons and others were shot by the thousands and shipped in barrels to markets and restaurants in big cities such as Toronto, New York and Chicago. Thousands upon thousands were packed in crates destined for factories where their feathers were used in fashionable clothing.

There is one story of one million bobolinks and rails killed in one month near Philadelphia to provide feathers for women's hats.

Until late in the 1800s it seemed impossible that North America's huge numbers of birds could become extinct or see their populations dramatically reduced. As the 20th century approached, however, people began to realize what was happening.

Organized hunt clubs were diligent in recording kills in club registers. Entries from the register of the Winous Point Club near Port Clinton, Ohio show what was happening.



JIM POLING SR.
From *Shaman's Rock*

Year	Canvasbacks	Mallards	Blue-winged Teal
1880	665	1,319	2,110
1885	237	943	1,019
1890	697	394	603

The migratory bird convention brought some sanity into a society that believed wildlife resources were limitless and existed solely for human satisfaction. It led to prohibition of hunting non-game birds, closed seasons for hunting game birds, limits on the length of hunting seasons and bans on the sale of any birds, eggs or nests.

The convention could not bring back the Marthas that once blackened the skies. It was a start, however, to changing attitudes about wildlife and slowed the possibility of other extinctions.

Extinction still threatens many species today. The latest North American Bird Conservation Initiative report notes that without significant conservation action 37 per cent of our bird species are at risk of extinction.

Nearly 20 per cent of wetland birds are on a Watch List indicating extinction concerns. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says wetland losses have increased 140 per cent since 2004.

Habitat loss and climate change have replaced uncontrolled harvesting as the biggest threats to birds. Both, of course, are the result of a soaring human population.

Bird Life International reports that 150 bird species are facing world extinction. Also, it lists 197 species as critically endangered.

Populations of common birds seen in urban areas also are decreasing. Various bird organizations have reported declines in common species once considered widespread. Bird surveys have reported that some common species have lost more than half of their populations over the past 40 years.

Declining numbers of birds show that diversity of life on our planet is shrinking. Earth continues to fall behind in the struggle to regenerate from the beatings we humans give it.

Three-quarters of the world's fisheries now are fully or over exploited. (You probably already figured that out if you bought those mushy farm-raised trout that have been raised on pellets).

More than 350 million people do not have guaranteed clean water to drink every day. (And, if you think that's just a far-off problem, read up on the roughly 100 Canadian First Nation communities that are without potable water).

So all this is not just about the birds. There is a good chance that sometime off in the future it won't be just Martha lying drumsticks up in her house. It will be humankind.

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letters to the editor

Looking forward to May

To the editor,

Climate change ... wow! Records broken over and over, and everywhere on the planet. Highest air temperature globally, ocean surface temperature beyond 2015 record, global sea level rise, greenhouse gases highest on record, most tropical cyclones ever in the U.S. Midwest, arctic sea ice lowest ever, shrinking glaciers, and on and on. The planet is ill. What on earth can we do?

The problem is huge. It seems way beyond

anything I, or we as individuals in a small community, can do that's really meaningful? But then I remember the old saying, "if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem." I'm hoping we'll get some guidance on this from Elizabeth May when she speaks to us on Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Minden Hills Community Centre.

Dave Heaven



Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association boat parade

Eighteen boats decorated in colourful lights toured around Horseshoe Lake after sunset on Sunday July 31. Randy Ward's pontoon boat decorated in multi-coloured lights led the third annual parade. Other watercraft joined in from all parts of the lake. They had, for example, all red lights or alternating flashing colours. Onlookers at their campfires came out on their docks to cheer and wave flashlights. Dogs barked, bells rang and horns tooted. Next year's Civic Holiday boat parade promises to be even better based on the enthusiasm this year. /Submitted by Pauline Plooard

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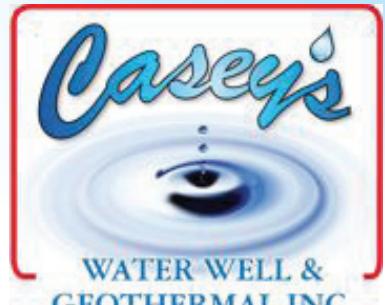
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Farmers grapple with dry summer

by ANGELICA INGRAM
Times Staff

The summer weather has been loved by many, with the scorching hot temperatures and sun-filled days packing local beaches, lakes and cottage country stores.

However, the humidity and lack of rain hasn't been welcome news for all, as the drought and constant heat advisories are proving difficult for local farmers who are battling the elements.

One such farm is McLean Berry Farm, a favourite at Haliburton County Farmers' Market locations.

Situated just outside of Buckhorn, the farm includes two large properties, measuring 99 acres and 187 acres (respectively), said farm market manager Erin McLean.

McLean has lived on the farm since she was five, as it is owned and operated by her family.

Working on the farm full time since 2009, and part time during the summers prior, this year stands out in her mind.

"This is the driest summer that I can remember since we've been farming in the last 26 years," she said. "We've had dry summers before, that's just the reality of farming, but the combined very high temperatures and extended lack of rainfall combined with a lack of snow cover and drier fall last year have compounded to make this year the driest seasons we've had that I can remember."

The farm specializes in a variety of crops, including corn, raspberries, beans, tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins, squash and their popular everbearing strawberries.

The crops, particularly strawberries, are bearing the brunt of the weather, with the edges of fields suffering, the growing season shortened and fruit being smaller than usual.

"Just because they don't have the water to size them up," said McLean, in regards to the size of fruit this year.

The lack of rain is having a tremendous impact, said McLean, with the farm's ponds, which are used for irrigation, drying up.

"We're running out of water really, really quickly," she said. "We've had minimal rain for months."

The silver lining of the dry weather is that the fruit that is being produced is very, very sweet, as the sugar is concentrated.

"What we have is a really great quality, it's just a matter of keeping things alive right now," said McLean. "We're trying to find solutions to keep things healthy."

In addition to the lack of rain is the issue of extreme heat, with more hot days on record.

The irrigation system in place at McLean Berry Farm particularly targets the berries, as they require a lot of water. Although there have been heavy thunderstorms throughout the region this summer, McLean says those events don't produce the type of water source that is very beneficial for farming.

"A heavy dramatic rain that comes fast and furiously may show that we've gotten rain, but it does little to help because it just runs off and can't be absorbed, especially by the dry soil," she says. "What we really need is at least a few days of a gentle, steady rain that is really able to soak in and get down to the roots which desperately need water."

In Minden, Andrew Graham of Graham's Farm Market has had similar issues battling the weather, but fortunately has an irrigation system that covers the six acres of his property that he farms.

"If we didn't invest heavily in irrigation previously we wouldn't have anything right now," said Graham. "But the drought's very beneficial in regards to how we feed our plants ... which is through highly nutritious water. So they're able to soak that up readily and then with all the sun they just grow."

Producing more than 20 types of fruits and vegetables, including zucchini, kale, cantaloupe, watermelon and more, Graham has been farming his family's land for the past three years.

Graham says during the past two years he hardly used his irrigation system, because he didn't have to.

"I've got more use out of it this year than the past two years combined, easily," he says.

He likes having the control over how much water his plants get and when.

Graham said adapting is a big part of being a farmer, as so many things are beyond your control. For instance this summer,

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Rain 120 millimetres below average

from page 10

which has turned out to be a hot one, started with a late frost in June.

In the family for generations, the farm sells most of its produce through area farmers' markets, Abbey Gardens, its CSA baskets and its farm gate.

While Graham doesn't keep track of rainfall from year to year, his cousin does, inheriting the skill from Graham's uncle, Phil Graham (who used to track weather for *The Minden Times*).

Senior climatologist for Environment Canada, Dave Phillips makes a living out of tracking things like rainfall from year to year.

While it's obvious to everyone that it's been a hot and dry summer, the statistics may be alarming.

"The dry and the warm has been consistent," he said. "I would say, generally speaking it's about 120 millimetres short of what you would normally see at a period from May through Aug. 10."

Phillips said while that number shows you it's been dry, it's been even drier due to the extreme heat we've been experiencing this summer.

"Sometimes it's not the double whammy," he says. "In this case the demands for the precipitation that has fallen has been great. Every bead of moisture's being sucked up by the very dry atmosphere and by the warm air."

Phillips said it's more difficult to track if this has been the hottest summer on record, as temperatures are averaged throughout different periods of the day, (that being morning, noon and night). Because we were still experiencing cool temperatures in the evenings in May and June, the results are a bit skewed.

What he does know is this summer has seen more days hit temperatures higher than 30 degrees Celsius than usual.

"You [the area encompassing Haliburton County] had three times as many hot days as you would normally get," he said. "You had about 15 of those, where typically you would have five, in a regular period from May 1 to Aug. 10."

Aside from having more hot days than normal, they have been hotter than just 30 degrees, sometimes hitting 33 or 34 degrees.

Phillips says most of the weekends have been dry and warm, resulting in great beer drinking weather. The weather has also been consistent, with fewer cooling off periods.

"That's one of the characteristics of this summer ... so anybody taking their holidays for a week or two weeks or a month has really not been left out in the cold ... we've all benefited from this, some a little more than others."

Looking ahead to the fall, he says the area will see more of the same, with a dry and warm fall season. This could result in less vibrant fall colours, as the trees will be stressed.

A media release from AccuWeather echoes those predictions, with senior meteorologist Brett Anderson saying rainfall will remain below average for the upcoming season, affecting fall foliage.

"Lack of rainfall and resulting stress to trees over eastern Canada could result in an early leaf fall this upcoming season, which means some early colour, but not as colourful or sustained as it normally is during peak times later in the season," said Anderson in the release.

Trees won't be the only ones stressed, as some are keeping their eyes glued to the forecasts, hoping for grey skies ahead.

"We're just keeping an eye on the forecast and hoping something changes soon because it's affecting a lot of people," said McLean. "It's really quite serious and makes you realize how important rain really is."

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Hogaboam gives Impressions

A group examines the work of Highlands' resident Gerry Hogaboam, who had her solo exhibition, *Impressions*, open on Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Finn Artists' Centre in Minden. The exhibition, which is on until Aug. 20, features contemporary acrylic paintings. Hogaboam, a retired educator, said this show reveals "the technical skill, confidence and individuality that I have developed as an artist in the past five years." This is her second exhibition, which follows a solo show of watercolours at the Rails End Gallery in 2011. She is inspired by everything and finds joy in immersing herself in the painting materials, colours, shapes, textures and design, whether that is in work that is representational or abstract. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Jeeps slowly creep along the "Anson Mountain" trail, attempting to "tread lightly" during the off-road 101 course, as part of the 12th annual Camp Northern Lights Charity Trailfest. It drew more than 300 people and close to 125 off-road vehicles from all over Ontario to the Southwind Motel in Minden from Thursday, Aug. 11 to Sunday, Aug. 14. Organized by the Ontario Federation of 4 Wheel Drive (OF4WD) recreationists, this annual event is the organization's biggest event and helps raise money not just for the OF4WD, but also for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation to show appreciation to our community. There has been more than \$64,000 donated by this organization through this event, which included guided tours, off-road driver training, catered food, entertainment and prizes./DARREN LUM Staff

Below, a driver takes direction at the off-road 101 course on the "Anson Mountain" trail in Minden during the 12th annual Camp Northern Lights Charity Trailfest

Bottom, A driver takes a jeep down a rocky descent in the off-road 101 course on the "Anson Mountain" trail in Minden during the 12th annual Camp Northern Lights Charity Trailfest

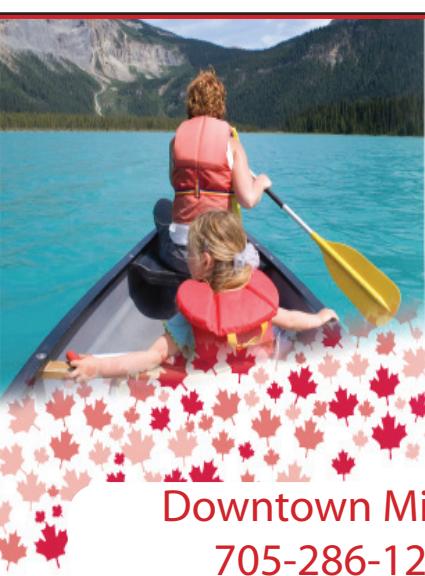


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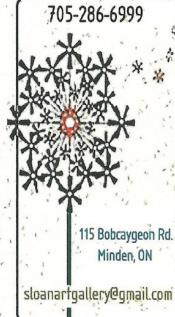
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Vignettes from life – down on the farm

by PETER WALFORD-DAVIS
Special to the Times

Two small farms across the road from our home were up for sale, and within a month we had new neighbours. But those new folk were as different as night is from day.

The farms had to be sold, because the previous owners were elderly. No sons or daughters who might have kept the old place up, they had other dreams, and the owners were physically unable to maintain the properties. So they sold, and moved into town. In their younger days the farm had provided a good, but hard life. Proudly they talked about their purebred Holsteins that had grazed on the acreage. But, as the years passed they decreased the size, and kept only one or two for their own use, along with a few chickens and a pig. But even this was too much to care for, and so they sold, and moved.

It was interesting to note the differences between our new neighbours, that became apparent almost at once. Custom was, and I guess still is, to welcome folk into the community and take a pie, or muffins and offer our assistance, if needed, as we introduced ourselves. We were well received at the first farm. The new owners fast became our friends. They were eager to get started to repair, and fix up as much of the property as they could before winter set in. Their effer-

vescence fairly bubbled over, becoming contagious as they shared their dreams.

Such was not the case with the second family. Though we were politely welcomed and our gifts of muffins and jam well received, we couldn't help but feel they wished we'd go. Maybe we had come at an awkward time? We didn't stay, but left an invitation for them to come for dinner the next evening. The following morning, they phoned to say that they couldn't come. Some other time then? Several times we attempted to get to know them better, as did our new friends, after all they were in the same business, weren't they? Time and time again, we tried but were politely rebuffed, so, after a while we ceased trying.

Even to the casual passerby, as they plied the dusty road, it was evident that changes had been made.

Our new friend's farm fairly sparkled in the sunshine. The barn wore a bright red coat of paint, as did the drive shed. Even the chicken coup was whitewashed, and the fences, now repaired, did a good job of keeping the small herd of cattle in the field. John was adept at tinkering, and soon had the old Deere tractor perking along again. The old farm had come alive!

Many times the former owners would visit, and over a cup of tea discuss the progress, and health of the farms. But none of us could understand why the other farm was allowed



to fall into disrepair. Fences broken down, the barn beginning to lean, the house crying out for a coat of paint. Even the farm equipment lying neglected in the open, subjected to the forces of Mother Nature. Weeds filled the garden, and small trees were making inroads in the pasture. The farm was dying before our eyes.

One day, we were surprised to see the second farm up for sale, and our silent neighbours gone, as quietly as they had come. I often wonder what had happened that they felt they had to stay away? Had they been hurt? Or were they happy in their isolation? We'll never know, but I am happy to report that the new owners of that second farm possess the same effervescence as our friends, and are slowly restoring the farm to its former glory. His barn a bright scintillating green!

There lies a parallel between the farms and you and I. Some folks see the good in all things, people, and circumstances. They make the best of it, while others withdraw, blaming everyone else for their predicament, critical of any who try to help. I'll bet they are leading unhappy, miserable lives. Yet we all know of folk who have overcome tremendous difficulties, and are themselves beacons of light for others.

Many years ago I returned to England for a visit. While there, my family went to Altrincham shopping. It is a market town, and the Farmer's Market had much to offer in the late summer. I wandered off by my-

self, and discovered the railway. Watching the railway activity for a while, I crossed over the tracks by the footbridge, and stood looking at an open field. It was a little odd though, as bumps, and discarded bricks indicated that there had been homes standing at one time. The results of the bombing in the Second World War? Yes, there stood a block of terraced homes, in the middle of this field. Derelict, propping up each other. Doors and windows boarded up, weeds flourished in the gardens, downspouts fluttered in the breeze, sparrows flew in and out of the rooves, and, what was left of the garden gates, squeaked, and creaked. Clearly, this was a row of derelict houses.

Yet smack dab in the middle of this row, smoked curled up from a chimney, and closer inspection revealed shiny windows, behind which hung lace curtains. The house whitewashed, and its gate sturdily guarding the little garden filled to overflowing in a profusion of colour. A rose in a garden of weeds? A diamond glittering in a rubbish heap? This was someone's home. In the midst of decay, was an element of hope. The young couples who bought the farms had dreams, and were prepared to work hard to make those dreams into a reality. Thus the unknown dweller in the midst of the derelict houses had made a home. Where there's a will there's a way. An old adage, but right truthful. Don't you agree?

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and Loggers Bridge, the Gull River Riverwalks, Town Dock
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Further Information:
Kay Millard 705 286 6635 kathleenmillard61@sympatico.ca
www.facebook.com/mindenlanternfestival

Mini Bucks Bid Euchre

(the third Thursday of every month)
When: Thursday August 18th, 7:00 pm
Where: Bobcaygeon Seniors Centre
Cost: \$5.00
for more information contact Phil at 705-738-6271

Nature in the Hood 2016 - Woodland Wildlife Sanctuary Tour

When: Saturday, Aug. 20. 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Where: Woodland Wildlife Sanctuary, 2146 Duck Lake Rd.
Cost: \$5.00 per adult, kids free with paid adult
Leader: Monika Melichar
The Woodland Wildlife Sanctuary runs a volunteer-based, year round rehabilitation centre that accepts all wild creatures in need of help, with the aim of releasing them back into their appropriate habitat. Learn more about what the sanctuary does, and meet some of the wildlife in residence. They might even put us to work!
For more information or to register contact the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, 705-457-3700, www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca

Annual Decoration Day Services

When: August 21, 2016 at 3:00 pm
Where: Gelert Cemetery
Please bring lawn chairs.

HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, August 24, 10:30 am to Noon.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Haliburton County Historical Society, "Show and Tell"

When: Thursday August 25th, 1:30 pm
Where: Haliburton Museum
You bring the item! You tell us about it!

Corn Roast.

When: Sat. Sept. 3rd at 2:00 p.m.
Where: St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake
Join the volunteers for an old fashioned corn roast with your family to enjoy face painting, puppet making, balloon animals, rock painting, live music. Your comfortable chairs would be welcome & cost is by donation.

Yard Sale

When: Saturday September 3, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Where: Gooderham United Church
Refreshments available to purchase
Donated items will be appreciated (no mattresses, baby cribs or large pieces of furniture) by calling June at 705-447-2838

West Guilford School Reunion

When: September 17, 2016 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Where: West Guilford Community Centre
Any one welcome from all schools in West Guilford

A farewell to Clarence

AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Here at the old farmhouse our census is down by one. Cat Clarence the elder statesman passed away last Wednesday evening. He was eighteen years old, jet black with beautiful green eyes and the most perceptive mind. He had been brought to the Minden Animal Clinic as part of a batch of barn kittens that with the exception of Clarence were simply too wild to handle. The staff vet decided to keep only him for possible adoption and named him for the angel in the Jimmy Stewart Christmas classic film *It's a Wonderful Life* who she credited with her decision. Reportedly fearless we brought him home sometime later where he promptly disappeared up into the mattress in the spare bedroom for two weeks before my daily coaching convinced him otherwise. After going AWOL for 12 weeks four years ago Clarence had been placed under house arrest and this summer had really enjoyed the fresh air and breezes coming through the enlarged screen porch. From there he could watch the comings and goings of the birds, squirrels, ponies and the young cat Jake. Clarence was psychic announcing who wanted in, who wanted out and the whereabouts of missing household livestock directing me to their secret spot. Usually it was Jake who had been sleeping on the chair behind my office door. With the help of good neighbour Wayne, Clarence is now buried in the garden beside his friend King. Taffy and Jake still look for him and every morning I come downstairs still expecting to hear his demanding meow for breakfast to be served. He was a great cat and we will all miss him. At our age we are in that downsizing mode and so will not consider another cat however it was meaningful reading the article in last week's "Times" written by a volunteer at the cat shelter in Minden and comforting to know of the concern and kindness extended there.

The final two events in the Music in the Park Series 2016 will feature on Thursday, Aug. 18 Gord Tentree and on Thursday, Aug. 25 Johnny Burke. Bring along your lawn chairs for a 6:30 p.m. start and enjoy a musical evening by the Burnt River in the Picnic Pavilion area of Kinmount's Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Thanks to the Kinmount Committee

for Planning & Economic Development and the Kinmount & District Lions Club for once again sponsoring this annual series.

The Kinmount Fair is fast approaching with a reminder for you Bingo fans that the Lions Club's Monster Bingo will be held on Thursday, Sept. 1 in the Kinmount Arena on the Fairgrounds starting at 7 p.m. with doors open at 5:30 p.m. This year's musical entertainment lineup includes the James Barker Band at the Friday night dance, Cold Creek County at the Saturday Grandstand Show and Ambush at the Saturday night dance. Look for full details on all the Fair's happenings on its website at www.kinmountfair.net. Please note that this year while there are programs available at local businesses there were no booklets printed and those wishing to enter any class at the Fair must do so online. Back by popular demand is the Pay-One-Price offer on the Midway. For \$25 a bracelet can be purchased online only which allows one person to ride the Midway all day on any one of the Fair days. To order online go to www.worldsfinestshows.com. This offer ends at midnight on Sept. 1 and while still available on Friday, Sept. 2 at the Fair the cost is increased to \$30/bracelet.

At the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount the next Tuesday lunch hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary is on Aug. 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with Liver & Onions on the menu along with a delicious alternate entree if preferred. The cost of \$8 also includes beverage and dessert. Also the Summer Kids/Family Fun Bingo continues on Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. with admission by donation and delicious breakfasts are served up on the third Sunday of each month. There will be some additions and/or changes during Kinmount Fair week and for a full listing of activities at the Branch during that period please call the Branch at 705-488-3462 or check out the Facebook page.

The monthly Book Sale by the Friends of the Library is coming up this Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Kinmount Branch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level. The cost of books is by donation and appreciation is extended to those who continue to donate books to assist in this valuable fund raising program.

Thankfully the rain has filled up the pony pond. Until next week keep busy and well, they go together ...

County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Scadden 251, Mary Lou Dealy 245 and Vi Howell 241. First for the gents at 306 was Pat Scadden then Doug McIntosh 292, Albert Foster 232 and Jesse Barlow 226. Vi Howell won for both the hidden score and call 1 with Doug McIntosh claiming the card draw while moonshots landed on Albert Foster and Jean Scadden.

August 12 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: With 58 percent Vange Croucher and Art Steed led in North/South then Mary Johnson partnered with Judy Neumann 56 percent and Tom and our reporter bridge reporter Margo Davidson 55 percent. Leading in East/West were Dave Robinson and Dave Willis at 56 percent and also at 56 percent Dave and Bonnie Nickson. In third place at 55 percent were Ruth Forrester partnered with Mike Dimond. Margo reminds that there will not be bridge at Echo Hills next Friday, August 19th due to the Barbara Seagram presentation.

August 15 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Holding the most lone hands were Pearl Cowen and Yvonne Arbuthnot with Doreen Powell and Lyn Preston posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Audrey Haywood while Kay Godden claimed the special prize. Thanks to Tim Sharpe for this update.

August 15 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Rose Isaacson reports that the high scoring trio members were Tom Grix 290, Dorothy McElwain 275 and Dana Briscoe 242. Dana also won the draw with Tom Grix and Sam Gaudet taking the moonshots.

August 15 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Peter O'Reilly, for lone hands James Bastedo, for low hands Cathy Howe and for the special prize Warren Heuson. This news comes from our reporter Sherin Brown.

August 11 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Our reporter Bev Johnson led the ladies at 266 followed by Jean

Public meeting on shipping container's Saturday

DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
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The Township of Algonquin Highlands wants to hear from you! A public meeting will be taking place Saturday, Aug. 20 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Council will be considering an amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law that will permit the use of shipping containers and truck bodies to be used for storage purposes. The public is welcome to attend and provide their comments and feedback on the inclusion of shipping containers and truck bodies in the Comprehensive Zoning By-law. Additional information regarding the proposed Zoning By-law amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Algonquin Highlands main municipal office 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, during normal office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). If you are unable to attend but would like to comment on the proposal please forward your comments to: Sean O'Callaghan, by email to socallaghan@algonquinhighlands.ca or telephone 705-489-2379 Ext. 224. Visit www.algonquinhighlands.ca for more information.

The Lake of Bays United Churches are once again holding their annual Roast Beef

Dinner with homemade pie for dessert. The dinner takes place on Saturday, Aug. 27 with continuous seating from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Dwight Community Centre. Adults are \$18, children 12 & under are \$9 and tickets will be available at the door.

The last night of Dorset Family Soccer Night is Thursday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. This week will be Coach Charlie's last night and we all want to thank Charlie Scott-field for a great summer of soccer! The feedback about Coach Charlie and participation numbers have been amazing. Much appreciated Charlie!

Fall hours at the Dorset Rec Centre begin on Thursday, Sept. 1. Hours will be Monday to Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursdays from 5 to 9 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about programs and activities, visit www.algonquinhighlands.ca and check out the activities calendar. To be on the monthly newsletter email list, email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968.

Vendors are wanted for the annual Community Garage Sale at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, Sept. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come out and join the fun! Turn your trash into treasure – sell your good used junk and make some cash. Take advantage of the recreation centre's great location in the heart of the village. Tables are only \$5 each to rent and are limited in number to

first come first serve. Email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 to find out more or to reserve your tables.

The Dorset Lions Club is once again hosting their annual "Dorset Lions Family Fishing Derby & Dinner" on Saturday, Sept. 3 at the Dorset Recreation Centre. There will be prizes, trophies and a silent auction. Any fish caught that day on any public waterway are eligible for the derby. Weigh-in takes place from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. followed by a roast beef dinner at 5:30 p.m. at the rec centre. Adults are \$15, children ages 7 to 12 are

\$8 and children under 6 are free. Tickets are available at Tower Hill Marine, Johnson's Coffee Bar and at the Lions Club booth in front of Robinson's General Store every weekend and at the door.

Happy birthday to Samantha Ellerington, Norm MacKay, Cory Keown, Jack Lilliman, Sandy Davis and John MacInnis.

If you would like to include something in the news, please contact me at malfano@hotmail.ca or by telephone at 705-766-0076.

Notices

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Application FOR Minor Variance

Take Notice That the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

DATE: Monday, August 29, 2016

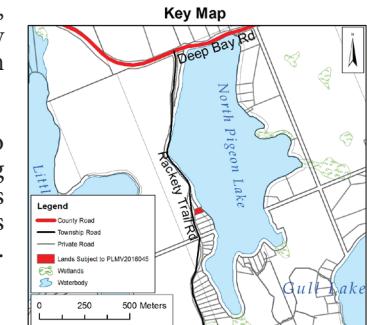
TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Municipal Council Chambers

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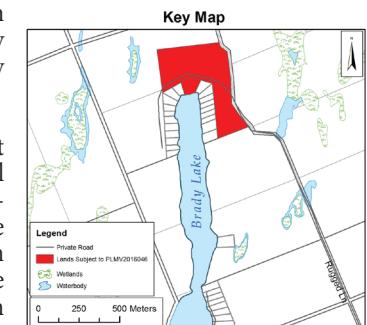
to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2016045**, and **PLMV2016046**. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

PLMV2016045 - Part of Lot 12, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1187 Racketry Trail; and located on North Pigeon Lake (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the expansion of a non-conforming use (boathouse). The enlarged boathouse is proposed to be 27.6m² (297sq.ft.), which is 20.7% larger than the existing 22.8m² (246sq.ft.) boathouse.

PLMV2016046 - Part of Lot 14 & 15, Concession 'A', Geographic Township of Hindon; municipally known as 1449 Rugged Lane; and located on Brady Lake (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit a lot frontage of 60 metres. Recently, provisional consent H-001/16 was granted to permit a severance for addition purposes to an adjacent lot. The minor variance is being sought to satisfy a condition of consent by recognizing the reduced lot frontage for the Rural (RU) zoned area of the property which is now considered to be Brady Lake.

Have Your Say: Input on the above noted applications are welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

Written Submission: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail iclendening@mindenhills.ca. If you do not make a written submission prior to a decision, nor make an oral submission at the Public Hearing, and subsequently submit an appeal of the decision, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

More information: Additional information regarding these applications will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the hearing at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours, and online at www.mindenhills.ca.

For more information about this matter contact iclendening@mindenhills.ca.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2016.

Ian Clendening, MPL

Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON, K0M 2K0

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Prequalification Request No. FIRE 16-001

The Township is requesting submissions from qualified contractors to prequalify for the:

Design & Build of a New Fire Hall

Submissions must be submitted in a sealed envelope with Appendix I - Delivery Notice, completed and affixed to the outside. Prequalification's can be submitted by mail, placed in the municipal drop box located at the Administration building, hand delivered to the front counter of the Finance Department and/or the 2nd floor front counter of the Clerk's Department.

Prequalification Submission Deadline is **Friday, August 19, 2016** on or before 10:00 am. All Submissions are to be addressed to the following:

Clerk's Department
Township of Minden Hills
7 Milne Street, PO Box 359
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LAKEPROTECTORS' CORNER

Extending the five lives of five-lined skink

by RUTH E. WALKER
Special to the Times

Skinks are not salamanders or short snakes with four legs. Skinks are lizards found throughout North America. A Haliburton skink has five stripes from nose to tail but those stripes fade as the skinks get older (kind of like our memories). Male skinks have bright orange jaws and chins.

These small ground dwellers have species at risk" status in Haliburton County. So, in the interest of species conservation, here are five-lives tips for our friends the skinks:

1. Always avoid exotic pet hunters. You are Ontario's only lizard and you better hide when unscrupulous folk try to satisfy lizard-longing terrarium owners.

2. Keep a low profile around dogs, cats and raccoons. You are busy predators, snacking endlessly on insects, worms or even other invertebrates but you have to watch out for the 'big guys.'

3. Stick to rocky outcroppings in mixed forests of conifers and deciduous trees. Loose rocks provide you with nesting and food sources but this habitat also has great hiding spots when needed (see #1 and #2).

4. Teen skinks should wear camouflage. Unlike tattoos,

you juveniles have bright blue tails that fade as you age. Sassy teen skinks know those tails detach when pounced on by predators.

5. Wear a sign that says, "I'm a species at risk in Haliburton County.

I guess the skinks won't be reading this newsletter. If we want this species at risk to survive and thrive, it is up to us. Those cute Inukshuks all over Haliburton County? Those are skink habitats you are messing with. "Think skink" before you move protective loose rocks on the ground.

Ruth E. Walker is an award-winning Ontario writer and has a cabin tucked between the Burnt and Drag Rivers in The Haliburton Highlands. She is an active member of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is a volunteer-led, not-for-profit, non-governmental organization and registered environmental charity. Its mission is to protect the natural heritage of The Haliburton Highlands for future generations. Visit www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca for more information.

Article provided by



The five-lined skink is a lizard species native to Haliburton County and on the province's list of species at risk. /Photo submitted

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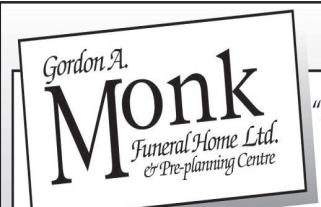
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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service in the chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray family centre at the funeral home. Interment at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



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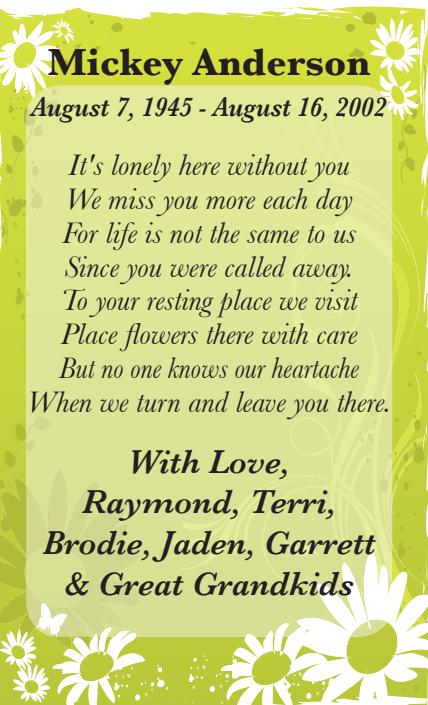
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In Loving Memory of

Ronald "Ron" James Chillman

Passed away unexpectedly in Cuba on Thursday, July 21, 2016, in his 58th year.

Beloved son of the late Jacqueline and William Chillman. Brother of Gerald and uncle to Todd and Geoffrey. Fondly remembered by his aunts, uncles, cousins, family, co-workers and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, August 27, 2016 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Service to Ron's Celebrate Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF), the Terry Fox Foundation or the Canadian Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of

John Paul Alain

Passed away peacefully at home in Minden on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 after a lengthy illness, at the age of 66.

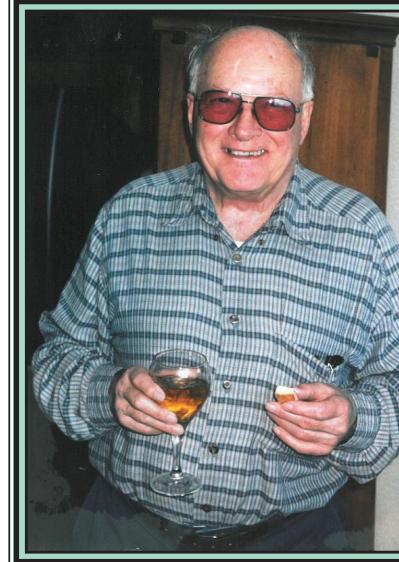
Beloved husband of Carol Alain. Dear father of Amanda Pentney (Chad), Jesse Alain (Alana), Jason Scott (Mary Ann) and Michelle Alain. Loving grandfather of Saphira, Alice, Griffin, Te-Anna, Tory and great grandfather of Dallas-Joe and Tarah. Dear brother of Mary Louise Walker (Gary), Peter Alain (Jackie), Martin Alain (Renee) and predeceased by his brother Brian Alain, and by his parents Beryl (nee Armstrong) and Paul Alain. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday August 12, 2016 from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. A Service to Celebrate John's Life will be held in the Chapel on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Toronto General Hospital, Multi-Organ Transplant Program would be appreciated by the family.



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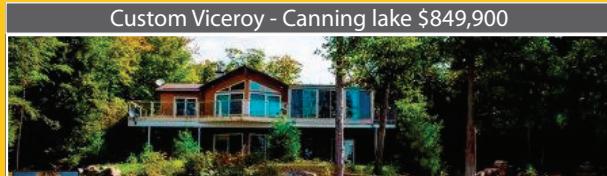


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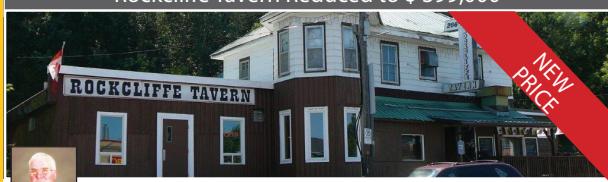
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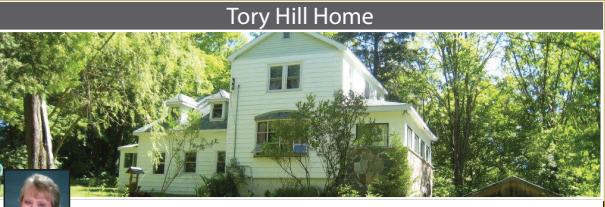


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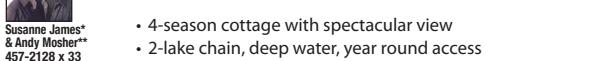
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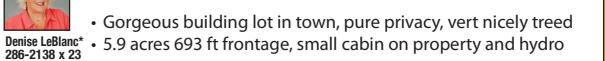


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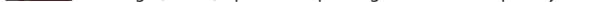


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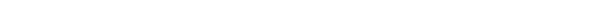


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- 3 bdrm; many recent upgrades; Great buy!



Kinmount Home \$224,900

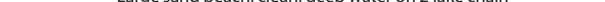


Tom Wilkinson**
286-2138 x 25

- Charming 3 bedroom home, many recent renovations&upgrades
- Large in town lot with stream, walk to downtown



Oblong Lake Lot \$295,000



Andrea Wilson**
457-6694

- 1.45 acre lot offering W. exp & 163' of frontage
- Large sand beach, clean, deep water on 2 lake chain



Post & Beam Cottage on Kashagawigamog \$649,000



Scott Harrison
286-2138 x 28

- 4+ bdrms, 3 baths, w/o basement w/ rec room, cute bunkie
- 100 ft of frontage on premier 5 lake chain, call Scott for details!

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